

REMARKS

Summary

The Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 18, 2007. Claims 7-8, 16-17, 19-26 are currently pending in the application, with Claims 7-8, 16-17 having been amended, and with claims 9 and 18 having been cancelled, and with Claims 19-26 having been added herein. Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 7-8, 16-17 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over US Patent No. 6,055,415 (Suzuki) in view of US Patent No. 7,175,177 (Meifu). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claims rejections is respectfully requested.

Turning to the specific language of the claim, amended independent claim 7 recites a communication apparatus comprising a transmitting device configured to transmit, to at least one other communication apparatus, an instruction signal instructing to transmit identification information to the communication apparatus so that the at least one other communication apparatus generates power for operating itself and decodes a clock from the received instruction signal, in response to receiving the instruction signal from the communication apparatus, a receiving device configured to receive identification information of the at least one other communication apparatus from the at least one other communication apparatus after transmitting the instruction signal by the transmitting device, a determining device adapted to determine whether the receiving device has received the same identification information a plurality of times, and an outputting device configured to output the identification information received a plurality of times according to a determination result of the determining device.

Turning to the art rejections, the applied art, namely Suzuki, is not seen to disclose or suggest the above features of amended claim 1, in particular, "...an instruction signal instructing to transmit identification information to the

communication apparatus so that the at least one other communication apparatus generates power for operating itself and decodes a clock from the received instruction signal". Suzuki is seen to teach a method of communication between a first station and a second station that is capable of detecting a circuit quality by controlling a transmission power of the first station based on said power control information received from the second station. While Suzuki teaches converting a digital signal to an analog signal of the transmission data using a clock (col. 10, line 35-40, Suzuki), nowhere is Suzuki seen to disclose or suggest decoding a clock from the received instruction signal.

The other applied art, namely Meifu, teaches a golf data management system that stores and manages golf score data. Meifu is also not seen to remedy the foregoing deficiencies of Suzuki. Specifically, Meifu is also not seen to disclose or suggest, *inter alia*, "an instruction signal instructing to transmit identification information to the communication apparatus so that the at least one other communication apparatus generates power for operating itself and decodes a clock from the received instruction signal".

Based on the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the applied references, namely Suzuki and Meifu, either alone or in combination, are not seen to teach at least the foregoing features of amended independent Claim 7. Independent Claim 7 is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection and indicate Claim 7 as allowable at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

In addition, amended independent Claim 16 includes substantially similar features as that of amended independent Claim 7 and was rejected for the same reasons as Claim 7. Therefore, Claim 16 is also believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to Claim 7. As such, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of Claim 16, and indicate that Claim 16 is allowable at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Turning to newly added independent Claim 19, Claim 19 recites a communication apparatus comprising a receiving device configured to receive an

instruction signal instructing to transmit identification information, a selecting device configured to select M different numbers in response to receiving of the instruction signal by the receiving device, a power generating device configured to generate power for operating the communication apparatus from the instruction signal received by the receiving device, a clock generating device configured to generate a clock from the instruction signal received by the receiving device, a counting device configured to count the generated clock, and a transmitting device configured to transmit identification information of the communication apparatus, each time the clock count obtained by the counting device matches one of the numbers selected by the selecting device.

The applied arts, namely Suzuki and Meifu, are not seen to disclose or suggest at least the feature of transmitting "identification information of the communication apparatus, each time the clock count obtained by said counting device matches one of the numbers selected by said selecting device". Applicant respectfully submits that the applied references, namely Suzuki and Meifu, either alone or in combination, are not seen to teach at least the foregoing features of amended independent Claim 19. Independent Claim 19 is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection and indicate Claim 19 as allowable at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

In addition, newly added independent Claim 23 includes substantially similar features as that of amended independent Claim 19. Therefore, Claim 23 is also believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to Claim 19. As such, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate that Claim 23 is allowable at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Claims 8, 17, 20-22 and 25-26 are depended from allowable base claims discussed above. As such, Applicant submits that these claims are allowable at least for the reason that they depend from an allowable base claim and recite additional features that further define the invention.

CONCLUSION

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this response which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner may contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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